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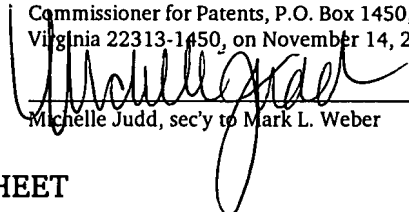
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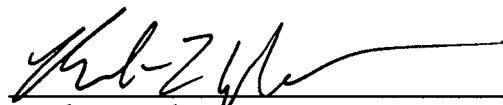
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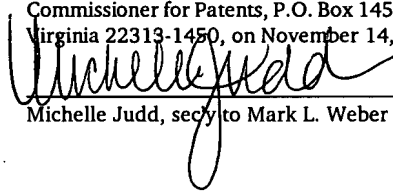
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AMENDMENT D

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 14, 2007, the Applicants, through their attorney, reply as follows.

Amendments to the specifications begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.